



# ANNUAL \* REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH,

FOR THE

BOLSOVER URBAN DISTRICT,

FOR THE

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GENTLEMEN,

I have much pleasure in presenting my report for the year 1898.

During the year 104 deaths occurred in the district, being an annual mortality of 28·4 per 1000 on the 1891 census (population 3662) and 18·91 per 1000 on the estimated population (5500). This is a little above the rate for the entire county.

Mortality of District.

The mortality classified as to age and disease can be seen at a glance by reference to the accompanying tabulated form (A), which of course refers to the entire district, but as a comparison of the mortality in different parts of the district may be interesting I add a table shewing it for the Colliery Villages of New Bolsover and Whaley Thorns.

As to Age and Disease.

Statistic of  
New Viliage  
and Whaley  
Thorns.

Name of District.	Population	Deaths under 1 year	do. 1 to 5	do. 5 to 60	do. over 60	Total	Per 1000 per annum	do. 1897.
NEW BOLSOVER..	1200	14	3	3	0	20	16·66	15·00
WHALEY THORNS	950	13	2	3	2	20	20·05	17·90
ENTIRE DISTRICT	5500	51	12	21	20	104	18·91	16·54

Infantile  
Mortality

The infantile mortality for the entire district is 178·32 per 1000 children born, as compared with 183·59 for 1897. Many of these deaths were caused by an epidemic of summer diarrhœa which prevailed in the hot months of the autumn, no fewer than 22 of the 51 deaths occurring in the months of August and September.

Births

The following small table shews the birth-rate of the district which is well ahead of the death-rate, and and also the proportion of males and females and the comparison with 1897.

MALE ..	..	151			
FEMALE ..	..	135			
Total ..	..	286	—	52·00	per 1000 per annum
do. for 1897 ..	..	256	—	46·54	.. ..
do. for 1898 calculated on census 3662		286	—	78·10	.. ..

Infectious  
Diseases

During the year the district has been comparatively free from infectious diseases, the total number of cases reported being 51 as against 88 for the previous year. The most marked decrease was in scarlet fever and then in typhoid fever as a glance at form (B) will shew This is distinctly satisfactory, but must be put down more to good luck than good management, as I regret to say we

are still without an Isolation Hospital for the district. I trust by the end of this year this great want will be supplied. The only epidemic of note that occurred during the year was one of summer diarrhœa, during the extremely hot and dry months of the autumn which, as before mentioned, was responsible for many deaths in young children.

I am pleased to learn that a sewage disposal scheme is almost perfected, and I trust that the work will be taken in hand and completed before the end of the present year.

Sewage  
Disposal

With regard to the extension of the present drainage system recommended by me last year for the new and growing parts of Bolsover, I am pleased to hear that that is also to be undertaken immediately, and I have no doubt will be very beneficial to the health of those districts.

Drainage

Last year I also recommended that the scavenging of the principal part of the district, Bolsover proper, should be done by public servants. The Local Government Board sent down one of their medical officers to enquire into this and I believe he quite agrees with my opinion that it is the right and proper thing to do. I trust the Council will soon see their way to carry this out in an efficient manner.

Scavenging

During the year several old blocks of houses have been closed and pulled down and new ones erected in their places, much to the improvement of the place. I trust that during the present year we shall see still further improvement in this way, and I should like to see the Council, instead of allowing the patching up of some old places, order them to be closed and rebuilt, as by this means alone can the place be improved.

Houses closed  
and rebuilt

Slaughter  
Houses &c.

During the year I have inspected the slaughter-houses at intervals and have no complaints to make of them. The meat exhibited for sale has been of an uniformly excellent quality, and no complaints have been received of adulteration of food.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Faithfully Yours,

T. WILLOUGHBY COLE, M.B., B.Ch.

BOLSOVER,

Medical Officer of Health.

10TH JAN. 1899.





(A)

## COUNTY OF DERBY.

Table of Deaths during the year 1898, in the Urban Sanitary District of Bolsover, classified according to Diseases, Ages, and Localities. Area in Acres, 4797 ; Population 1891, 3662 ; Estimated 1898, 5500.

Medical Officer of Health T. WILLOUGHBY COLE. Date, 10th January, 1898.

Name of Parish.	Deaths from all causes at subjoined ages.							Aged 5 or over 5	Scarlatina.	Whooping Cough	Diarrhoea and Dysentery	Phthisis	Bronchitis, Pneumonia and Pleurisy	Heart Disease	All other Disease	Total	
	At all ages																
	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)										
		Under 1 year	1 year and under 5	5 years and under 15	15 years & under 25	25 years & under 65	65 and upwards										
BOLSOVER URBAN...	104	51	12	3	2	16	20	Under 5		2	14	2	6		40	64	
Deaths occurring within the District among persons not belonging thereto...							2	Over 5	1			10	9	3	17	40	
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\* Included in above

# COUNTY OF DERBY.

(B) Table of Population, Births, and of New Cases of Infectious Sickness, coming to the knowledge of the Medical Offices of Health, during the year, 1898, in the Urban Sanitary District of Bolsover; classified according to Diseases, Ages, and Localities.

Name of Parish.	Census, 1891			New cases of sickness coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health.				
	Estimated to middle of 1898			Registered Births				
				Aged under 5 or over 5				
				Scarlatina				
				Diphtheria				
				Enteric or Typhoid Fever				
				Puerperal Fever				
				Erysipelas				
BOLSOVER URBAN...	...	...	3662	5500	286	Under 5	10	1
						Over 5	13	3
								9
								1
								13

State here whether "Notification of Infectious Disease" is compulsory in the District—Yes. Since when? 1896.

Besides the above-mentioned Disease, insert in the columns with blank headings the names of any that are notifiable in the District and fill the columns accordingly. State here the name of the Isolation Hospital used by the sick of the District. Mark (H) the Locality in which such Hospital is situated; and if not within the District, state where it is situated—None yet provided.





